

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

June 3, 2016

Division: Fisheries

Regulation Number: 301 KAR 1:015 Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Proposal for Idle Speed Only on Beulah Lake

**Justification:** The Jackson County Water Association recently passed a local ordinance concerning only allowing idle speed for boats on Beulah Lake. The lake is a public lake of which the Department has a management agreement. In order to allow our conservation officers the ability to enforce the local regulation, we recommend passing an idle-speed only regulation for the lake.

Effective Date: October 2016

Strategic Plan Reference:

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal for Idle Speed Only for All Ballard, Boatwright, and Sloughs WMA Lakes

Justification: Currently, all the sloughs located at Ballard and Boatwright WMAs have trolling- motor-only boat motor regulations; except for Swan Lake at Ballard WMA. Many of the sloughs are long, and it is often time consuming for duck hunters and anglers to reach their destinations and return to the boat ramps. After hearing from several sportsmen, the Wildlife Division has requested that all of the Ballard and Boatwright WMA sloughs have idle-speed only boat motor regulations.

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Remove Largemouth Bass Slot Limit on Lake Pennyrite

**Justification:** A 12.0 -15.0 inch restrictive slot limit for largemouth bass caught in Lake Pennyrite was imposed on anglers in 2003. Since that time, the size structure of the bass has not changed; the percent of largemouth bass over 15 inches remains very low. It is apparent that this special regulation has not been effective. Therefore, in order to simplify our regulations, we recommend removing the largemouth bass protective slot limit and revert to statewide regulations. Fisheries Division biologists will consider other mechanical measures to promote a better largemouth bass size structure in the lake.

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Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Remove Daily Harvest Limit of Yellow Bass  
Statewide

**Justification:** Yellow bass are extremely abundant in Kentucky and Barkley lakes. In Kentucky Lake, cove rotenone data (1990) suggested that yellow bass accounted for almost 45% of the game fish in within embayments surveyed. From a biological view, a dense population of yellow bass is detrimental to other sport fish populations. Yellow bass feed on eggs from spawning nests of bass, crappie and bluegill, and they consume larval fish as they emerge from nests of sportfish. There is no biological reason to reduce harvest of yellow bass; and in fact, reducing their numbers would likely promote additional growth potential to their populations. Therefore, we recommend removing all harvest restrictions on yellow bass statewide.

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